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| In re Patent Application of:    | ) | <b>Mail Stop Amendment</b> |
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| A NETWORK                       | ) |                            |

**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action, dated November 19, 2009, and in conjunction with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the requisite fee filed concurrently herewith, Applicants amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.